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Identical letters dated 18 June 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to call your attention to an alarming incident that occurred yesterday along the Blue Line, in grave violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

Yesterday, Sunday, 17 June 2007, two Katyusha rockets, launched from within Lebanese territory, fell on the northern Israeli city of Kiryat Shemona. A third rocket launched from the same area struck next to a base of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in southern Lebanon.

Israel views the Katyusha rocket attack on Kiryat Shemona with outrage and as an absolute breach of resolution 1701 (2006). It is nothing short of a miracle that no one was harmed or killed. These rocket attacks constitute a dangerous threat to regional stability and security.

Israel expects the Lebanese Government to assert control over its territory and to ensure that neither Hizbullah nor Palestinian groups attack Israel from within its borders. It is thus imperative that resolution 1701 (2006) be implemented.

Additionally, UNIFIL must make every effort to prevent the repetition of this kind of attack. Israel calls on UNIFIL to assist the Lebanese authorities in the investigation of the incident, hoping that the relevant authorities will arrest the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

Israel is currently exercising the utmost restraint in responding to this perilous and threatening incident. Nonetheless, Israel reserves the right to defend itself from such aggressions, as stated in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the contents of the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 13, and of the Security Council.

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